

AMA-CHEWER

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PROGRAMS

March 4th W9PHV, Wayne Walter will talk on Single Side Band Technique. PHV has had quite a bit of experience with Single Side Band transmission so you can learn quite a bit about this addition to ham radio.

March 11th Business meeting of the club. It is your duty to your club to attend these sessions of the club that the planning of meetings, the spending of club monies, and the actual operation of the club may be in your hands. Let's be there.

March 18th At this meeting a showing of the films Civil Defense and Communications will be held. With our part to play in any plan for Civil Defense it is our duty to see these films so plan on being at this meeting.

March 25th W9APJ, Jerry Lucas will stage a surprise program at the conclusion of which awards will be given. You are invited to attend and find out what the big surprise might be and in the mean time try to guess what it might be.

April 1st This is April Fool's day but it sure isn't to the club but at present there is no program projected for that date but the program will be announced later.

April 8th Business meeting of the club.



Above meetings are held at the Service Men's Center 111 N. Capitol Avenue. Meetings start at 8:00 PM Everyone is welcome.

PAST MEETINGS

Since the start of the year we have had many fine meetings so you are missing out if you are not getting out on Tuesday night for these FB programs. Just for a reminder may we review a few for you. First our trip through WFBM-TV was really an all out turn out. They had thought only 25 or 30 would be there and instead approx 75 were in attendance. The gang at that saw all the ins and outs of the new location of WFBM and WFBM-TV. We were treated to a program by W9PMM, Rollie Roughton on scopes and their uses and he demonstrated with a scope and his versital grid dip meter. Then we had Brooks Short talk to us on Noise elimination on Mobiles, this was held at the REEDICK Auditorium. Those with Mobile or those planning to go Mobile certainly learned from this authority on Noise. Then we were treated to a pre run test for the FCC examinations this conducted by Howard Severeid who had exam questions all ready and held a regu-

ler test. Jerry Bramblett brought several of his Tech radio class boys to this trial run and by the encouragement they got by the grades they received from this affair they went to the regular FCC test and several say that they feel that they will soon be displaying a ticket as a result. Another trip was taken by the club, this time it was through the UHF section of the Bell Telephone Company. This was a very interesting trip and carried along the trip through the rest of the equipment of the Bell telephone that we had seen in our earlier inspection trip.

1952 CLUB OFFICERS

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Ralph Mays is to replace Clarence Pence this month.

NEW MEMBERS

We take pleasure in listing the newest members of the club and as usual invite them to enjoy the benefits of the club to its fullest and to join in to the full extent that they are capable in any of its activities as well as suggesting new activities.

V. Edwin Dunlan	310 S. Barton,	W9MWY
Arthur G. Evans	4034 Boulevard Place	W9TQC

NOVICE NEWS SECTION




We are anxious to hear from the new comers to ham radio so if the Novice licensees will write in or turn in at club meetings their doings we will put them into print.

WN9RBX is on the air and has WN9POB as first contact, he also has worked WN9PLB, and WN9RAK. WN9RBX is David Hale, 5416 Eastridge Drive, Indpls. 19, Ind.

WN9RBZ has worked WN9POB. WN9RBZ is Richard Hale, 5416 Eastridge Drive. Indpls. 19, Ind.

Yes , you guessed it they are brothers.

Bob Witham, WN9PPS is one of Jerry Bramblett's boys in the Tech Radio class at Tech.

WN9RBN has a 6J5 - 6L6 30 watt rig end feeding 135 ft wire and has W9DPL as first QSO. Don has a command set receiver.

Shet Martin reports that WN9RBW is Alonzo Eugene Gordon at 4535 Crittenden HU. 5547 and is on with a 6AG5 into an 807 final with 35 Watts on 80 meters.

WN9RAK is Donald F. Forbes. This is the son of Ray Forbes W9HNS.

That makes Ray another point and here we have another while on the subject of Ray. We learn that Ray had a Grandson and Granddaughter born during Nov. Hi Grandpa.

We have incomplete reports of WN9RAX as being Chadwick and WN9POB as Lyons. Let's have more information on these two.



REPORTING



The following has been written or called into ye editor and you are invited to write or call your dope into ye ed for next issue.

Dick Mays, W9JAY, and Byron Fortner W9FYM both took commercial Telegraph exams the past Test apperance of the RI.

Sam Taggart, W9NH on 160 meter CW was reported heard in New Zeland several times in January.

Don Hammer, W9RBN is on the air with a 6J6-6L6 35 Watt xmtr with a 150 Ft. wire ant. He is using a command set receiver.

Bill Catton has moved to 6034 Hillside, his call W9NQC.

Glenn Barr, W9KAS now has 80 countries on 20 and 10 fone. After 1½ years he finally worked Japan on 20 phone for WAC.

ZK2AA was heard on 20 phone on 14,165 KU. This one of the rare ones to work.

Ron Williams, W9JVF is now starting an antenna farm on two and a half acres south of Beech Grove. He started with a 270 foot long wire that went up last week.

W9APG, Doc Ferguson has a new HRO and is rebuilding transmitter for TVI. (It doesn't pay to advertise eh Doc?)

Alvy Pittman, W9JJC has a 45 foot telephone pole falt on its side yet. (Could he be hinting tht he wants a pole raising?)

Jim Daily, W9CJQ called ye editor the past week to report a fb job of help that he has been getting. Jim, who used to get to club meetings regularly is blind and has been in ham radio for at least 20 years. He lives at 2938 Brookside Ave. Well any w-y Jim reported that Bill Lueth (Who by the w-y doesn't get to club because our Tuesday meeting night is his working night) W9DSChes just finished building up a new rig for 80 and 40 with 807's in the final. To go along with this Bill has also built up a ham receiver with band spread to cover these two bands. Ye ed knows that Bill has kept Jim going a long time and so our hats off to him. By the way, Bill, if your parts box runs dry why not let it be known so that the rest of the gang can help. If you hear Jim or are over that way be sure to drop in on him. (Thanks Jim for the credit for Bill)

W9DPG is asked just what a filament in a tube is used for. (What cities?)

Jim Sugioka, W9CKB recently had a write up in the paper concerning his trip to Jamaica for the United Christian Missionary Society of Disciples of Christ. Jim has gone to Jamaica to supervise the rebuild-

ing of 6 churches that had been destroyed by hurricanes last Aug. Jim usually tries to keep in contact with home by ham radio so perhaps he may get on via a Jamaican station.

A newspaper clipping turned in notes that MARS the army ham net is looking for volunteers. You must be 21 and hold an FCC license and be active at time of application. Contact MARS Army Director, 5th Army Headquarters, 1660 E. Hyde Park Blvd. Chicago 15, Ill. Also see QST for regular doings of MARS.

Ye Ed in his usual Sunday morning pastime of reading the Star and its funnies read the QSL cards displayed on the walls of cartoonist Bill Juhre' whose strip the Orbit appears each Sunday. He noted W9FJR, Indianapolis, Ind. This is Edwin Healy here in town. Now what Ye Ed wants to know is whether this is the way Bill does his QSLing or is IMQ's drawing done in his shack with these cards as a background. At any rate if you haven't read the Orbit you had better start in and keep looking for your card in his panels if you work him over the air. Good going Bill.

A clipping from Time magazine for Aug. 20, 1951 relates the service of ham radio. Fred von Rekowski in NY heard an emergency call from a ham in Clewiston, Fla. who was relaying from Oporto, Portugal. A man in Portugal was in need of a new drug Varidase for the treatment of tuberculous meningitis for his daughter. At any rate Fred Rekowski contacted a wholesale drug supplier and hustled it to the Idlewood airport where it soon was on its way. Time reports that whatever happens that this has shown that there is still a love of humanity in our world.

We compliment TS, the Tri State Sparks publication for their latest issue which seems to be photolithed.

It might be well for our 1952 club officials to send copies of Ama-Chewer to other clubs in the very nearby cities each month a listing of programs is published in Ama-Chewer. Many hams from nearby cities have stated they would be interested in coming to Indpls to attend club meetings if they had more information in advance on what happens and when and where. Local hams have been known to attend club meetings elsewhere tho they possibly overlook our own activities, and so we can meet competition with competition, it seems, by doing this. (Ed. Ama-Chewer is mailed to several out town club and names even at present. As noted several issues back we exchange papers with The Evansville TriState Club, We mail to the Muskegon Radio Club, We exchange with the St. Paul Radio Club, The Ground Wave. Ft. Wayne receives 2 or three copies. Cincinnati gets one. Too many copies are sent to individuals who have continued to send in our questionnaire cards when they are sent out. By the way our exchange papers are passed around at club and then posted so if you want to know what they are doing in other places just spend the time to read these interesting papers.)

James Sugioka, W9CKB (as reported above) is getting ready (has gone) for a three-months trip to the Island of Jamaica, where his work will keep him busy. Jim will fly down there and back. He tried to make arrangements to operate fixed portable for QSOSS with Indpls while there but nothing doing due to its being a British possession. He did report that he was trying to get his 10 meter rig in his car so that he might use it when he returns. Jim says that he would have been lost if it had not been for his being able to use the workshop

and equipment at W9DPL's for getting lined up on the mobile job.

Why can't Ama-Chewer devote a few columns each month as a free service to local hams, in listing any radio components they have for sale or listing components which are desired by local hams. The 3 lines for 25¢ rate for equipment ads never appealed to most of us, maybe more activity in a free column would be shown and think of the interest it would stir up and the service it could tender in getting fellows straightened out on trading off what they didn't want for something that they could use. (Ed. The board of directors and the club set up the rates for ads in our paper some time ago with the idea that the income from such ads would help defray the expense of your club paper. As far as paying its way with the ads though it is a bust because there have never been too many. Sometimes ye present editor wonders if Ama-Chewer is even read by the gang because many of the ideas that are presented by some of the writers are never even talked about at club nor has ye ed heard anyone else talking about it.)

Is it just because we are too tired here in Indpls to try new things or even turn out for old things when they are retried. To see the dearth of volunteers when some activity is planned you think that there were no one present at the meeting. Just what does it take to get our gang to get into motion. Take your own paper, if the act of one member in sending in items would stop why you would probably get one sheet with programs on it and that would be it. Just take a look at The Group Wave, and The TriStates Sparks, Why hell's fire they don't have just one editor but they have five, yes FIVE. Can't you as a member get up off that TB and do your part in helping the officers of the club to plan, execute and keeping rolling the activities of the club.)

Jim C. Herschman, W9UQD is busy at school studying Medicine. He is at Indiana University but often gets home here on week-ends and gets on the air with his Collins transmitter and RME receiver. Jim recently put up a nice new shiny 20 meter beam and has the 5 element ten meter job for sale to any interested ham.

Two of our local boys recently found themselves in the situation that they couldn't operate for a while. They had let their station and operators license expire. These two, W9CKP, Bob Flanders and George Phillips, W9EMK were able to get them renewed however. It is a good idea for each of us to look over his license each year so that we do not let the renewal date slip up on us. (Reminds ye ed. has the club's station license been renewed?)

W9LKK, Harold Rearick formerly of the 5700 block on East Lowell St. in Irvington has now moved to Terre Haute, is on the air and welcomes contacts with Indpls.

Harry Butler, W9OVF is now grinding quartz crystals in the Novice and other bands. Harry recently obtained a quantity of crystals in FM 243 holders and has been touching them up to other frequencies and has had unusually good luck. He has them tested in a Millen Grid Oscillator, calibrated with a BC221 freq meter and tests them in a transmitter oscillator for service. He is even going to start advertising them in Ham-Ads in QST magazine. He knew that W9DPL was handling xtals (among other things) (Ed. no advertising) and so perhaps it was that Harry was influenced by Howard in getting into the business. They both work at the Esterling-Angus Co. in Speedway. HI

THE LAST WORD



This item is taken direct from the Tri-State Sparks and is written by Martha Zie xyl of Ben Zieg, W9EHU. Martha writes up the ARA news for their paper and is therefor one of its editors. The article follows with no other comments from ye ed here than to state that they are doing something that we have tried and never fully succeeded.

I hope that all of you OM's will see that your YI's and XY's read this column. It is written for them and about them. But we want you to enjoy it too, so please keep reading.

First a vote of thanks and congratulations to Majorie Wiley and her committee, Martha Young and Gussie Jones, for such a lovely ARA party at the Wiley home. More than twenty-five people were present and a gala time was had by all. If there are any doubters just ask any OM who was there how to play "Petals Around the Rose". We sincerely hope that more members of ARA will bring the OM next year.

Now I would like to correct a wrong impression that seems to have taken root in the minds of YL's and XYL's. The ARA, (Amateur Radio Auxiliary) was formed, and is functioning, for the sole purpose of promoting the better acquaintance of all YLs and XYLs and for the purpose of providing an easier means of helping the OM when our assistance is needed or requested. We are not, and have no plans for promoting the idea of all YLs and XYLs getting a license and getting on the air. Our common interests are those of our programs, our discussions and the social activities of our organization. Amateur radio is the common interest of our OM's. Our OM's seem to enjoy these things too, when they are invited.....

We hope we can be helpful with such activities as the Fall Festival, the Annual Picnic or Hamfest and on Field Day. And it is really so much more fun when we combine our efforts.

In closing I want to enlist the aid of all YLs and XYLs in gathering news of OUR activities. It doesn't have to be news about amateur activities, I want news about the women. Call my phone.

Martha Zieg es 73s

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